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CENTRE CONFIRMS PHASE-3 TRIAL OF SPUTNIK V IN INDIA

Govt is planning to hold the phase-3 trial as well as large-scale manufacturing of Russia's Covid vaccine, a top official said

'RUSSIAN PARTNERSHIP VERY IMPORTANT'

"Government attaches great importance to this offer of partnership from a very special friend," said Dr V K Paul, member (health), Niti Aayog and head of the National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for Covid-19. Last month, Russia had registered its first vaccine candidate, developed by Moscow's Gamaleya Institute, after completing early-stage human trials

3 FIRMS KEEN ON MASS PRODUCTION

- The results of phase 1 and 2 trials published in The Lancet last week said the vaccine was well tolerated by all volunteers it was tested on and also triggered good antibody response
- Paul said three Indian firms have so far shown interest in mass production of the Russian vaccine and talks are on with others P9

US

VACCINE WILL BE READY BY OCTOBER, U.S. PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP SAID

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LAC FIRING

China violates another red line of not using firearms along LAC; India repulses PLA's attempt to grab strategic heights in Chushul region

MAYANK SINGH AND PUSHKAR BANAKAR @ New Delhi

IN a major threshold shift along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), the People's Liberation Army (PLA) of China fired bullets during its movement in the Chushul area in eastern Ladakh on Monday evening. This was the first time in 45 years that bullets were fired along the LAC.

While China sought to turn the narrative into an act of aggression and crossing of the LAC by the Indian Army, the Defence Ministry here rebutted it saying it was the PLA that had tried to aggressively close in to an Indian position on Monday evening. When India tried to dissuade them, the PLA fired a few rounds in the air to provoke and intimidate the soldiers, the ministry asserted.

India and China have loads of confidence-building measures and agreements, which bar both sides from the use of firearms within 2 km radius of the LAC. Before Monday's flare-up, the last recorded incident of firing was in 1975, again by the PLA, which had crossed the LAC in Tulung La in Arunachal Pradesh and ambushed a patrol of Assam Rifles jawans, killing four of them.

Setting the record straight, Indian Army spokesperson Colonel Aman Anand said it was the PLA that has been blatantly violating agreements and carrying out aggressive manoeuvres, though engagements at the military, diplomatic and political levels are in progress. At no stage has Indian Army transgressed across the LAC or resorted to use of any aggressive means, including firing, he emphasised.

"In the instant case on September 7, 2020, it was the PLA troops who were attempting to close in on one of our forward positions along the LAC and when dissuaded by own troops, PLA troops fired a few rounds in the air in an attempt to intimidate own troops," the ministry stated.

"Despite the grave provocation, (our) own troops exercised great restraint and behaved in a mature and responsible manner," it added. P9

China's soldiers approaching the Indian post near Mukhpari peak on Monday

ARMED TO THE TEETH
The rods with machetes fixed to them on one end carried by all the Chinese soldiers (Inset-right); and the guns (above) they carried as well

1. Around 50 Chinese PLA soldiers approached aggressively towards Indian post near Mukhpari peak about 6 pm on Monday
2. The intention of the PLA men was to dislodge Indian troops from strategic heights in Mukhpari peak and Rezang La areas in east Ladakh
3. Carrying rods, spears, sharp weapons and rifles, the PLA men approached the Indian post. The Indian side caught it on camera
4. When the Indian Army dissuaded the PLA, they fired 10-15 rounds in the air to intimidate our troops. The aggression was repulsed

S.O.P SCHOOL RE-OPENING

Unlock 4.0 issued allowed students of Class 9-12 to visit schools to clear doubts with teachers, with effect from Sep 22. On Tuesday, the Centre released a detailed SOP. Here's a look

SCHOOL VISIT BY STUDENTS OF CLASS 9TH TO 12TH WILL BE ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS

- Online/distance learning will be permitted and encouraged
- Schools outside containment zones will be allowed to open
- Students/teachers living in containment zones won't be allowed to enter school
- Face covers/masks, physical distancing will be mandatory

This will be subject to written consent of the parents or guardians of the students

Such visits and teacher-student interaction must be organised in a staggered manner

For ensuring queue management, inside and outside the premises, specific markings on the floor with a gap of 6 feet may be made | P7

Plasma therapy for Covid care is a dud: ICMR study

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

IN what may dash the hopes of policymakers, doctors as well as patients and their families, the world's largest randomised control trial to assess plasma therapy for Covid-19 has shown that it does not benefit either in reducing mortality or arresting progression of the disease.

The study involved 464 moderately ill patients with breathing difficulties and oxygen saturation level below 93%. Of them, 235 were given convalescent plasma (CP) collected from those who recovered. The remaining 229 received only standard care.

Those in the intervention group were transfused with two doses of 200 ml plasma 24 hours apart. The findings show that 34 patients (13.6%) who received plasma therapy died while 31 patients (14.6%) who did not receive it, succumbed to the infection. Also, 17 patients in each group progressed to have severe disease. P10

EXPRESS READ

Govt plans to sell stake in IRCTC via OFS

New Delhi: The government plans to sell about 15-20 per cent stake in IRCTC via offer for sale (OFS) and would like to complete the transaction in minimum number of tranches.

Suicide rate among state's bizmen at 10%

Bengaluru: The suicide rate among the people engaged in business, in Karnataka, stands at 9.7%, with 875 cases registered in 2019, according to an NCRB report. P7

Now, Rhea too arrested by NCB

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

ACTOR Rhea Chakraborty, girlfriend of deceased actor Sushant Singh Rajput, was on Tuesday arrested by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) in connection with drug-related allegations.

After three days of questioning, the NCB sought her custody during an online court hearing. Her brother Showik is already under arrest. The NCB claimed it has a piece of evidence that needs to be probed further against Rhea.

The court remanded her in 14 days of judicial custory. Her bail application was rejected.

NCB sources said Rhea admitted she used to organise drugs for Sushant. If charges are proved, she could face up to 10 years in jail. Her lawyer Satish Maneshinde called it a travesty of justice.

Meanwhile, under fire actor Kangana Ranaut landed in further trouble, as Maharashtra minister Anil Deshmukh said the police will probe allegations that she did drugs. P10

Rhea Chakraborty being taken for medical test after her arrest in Mumbai | PTI

Police personnel escort actor Sanjjanaa Galrani to a hospital for medical checkup after she was arrested in the drugs case in Bengaluru on Tuesday | SHIVAKUMAR BM

CCB ARRESTS ACTOR SANJJANAA

Bengaluru: The Central Crime Branch (CCB), probing the drug abuse in Sandalwood, arrested actor Sanjjanaa Galrani, after raiding her Indira Nagar residence early on Tuesday. P5

Sandalwood-Bollywood: Hints of drug supply chain

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

A "common procurement and supply chain of contraband narcotics and drugs" between a section of Sandalwood and Bollywood actors is said to be emerging in the Bengaluru drug bust case, according to highly placed sources.

The Central Crime Branch (CCB) is on the lookout for Aditya Alva, son of late Jeevaraj Alva and brother-in-law of Bollywood actor Vivek Oberoi, who has been named as the sixth accused in the suo motu FIR registered by the CCB at the Cottonpet police station on September 4. The FIR names 12 suspects, including Sandalwood actor Ragini Dwivedi.

According to the CCB, Alva has not been traced in the city so far. The police have reportedly questioned his bodyguard, the sources said.

An official source told The New Indian Express that some of the suspects named in the FIR "may have some critical information regarding the common drug supply chain" between Sandalwood and Bollywood actors and also in the case in which actor Rhea Chakraborty has been arrested by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) under provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985.

A team of NCB, Bengaluru zonal unit, has been camping in Mumbai since last week for investigation in the Rhea case soon after they arrested three alleged drug peddlers including a woman, Anikha, in Bengaluru, which reportedly led to the CCB raids on the Sandalwood personalities. "The NCB case is separate from the CCB case," the officer stressed. P5

No dazzle, Dasara to be simple affair this year

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THERE will be none of the pomp and gaiety. In the light of the Covid-19 pandemic, the State Government has decided to go for a low-key "Naada Habba" Dasara this year in Mysuru. The highlight, however, will be that the celebrations will be inaugurated by Covid warriors, including doctors and nurses, pourakarmikas, ASHA workers and police personnel.

The famous 'Jamboo Savari' will be limited to the palace premises and only five elephants will take part in the event, a release from the Chief Minister's Office said. However, the city will be illuminated as usual.

A high-power committee, headed by Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Tuesday decided not to cancel the traditional celebrations, but to cut down on the colourful events which attract lakhs of visitors every year. Sports Dasara, Yuva Dasara and Food Mela will be dropped this year. Funds of Rs 10 crore will be released for the Dasara preparations.

Steps will also be taken to prevent crowding. MPs Prathap Simha and Sumalatha Ambareesh, Deputy CMs Govind Karjol, C N Ashwath Narayan and Lakshman Savadi, Kannada and Culture Minister C T Ravi, and Mysuru District in-charge Minister S T Somashekar were present.

WHAT'S ON

- Kusti with restricted audience
- Jamboo Savari within the palace premises
- Illumination of junctions, major roads
- Traditional celebrations limited to palace and Chamundeshwari temple

WHAT'S NOT

- Exhibition, Food Mela
- Flower show, fireworks at Bannimantap
- Chitra Santhe and cultural programmes
- Air show, Film festival
- Yuva Dasara, Sports Dasara

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